

DIARY 2 (PART A)

1863 JUL 21 - 1863 SEP 17

July 23, 1863

Left Winchester
about 7 A.M.

Arrived at the

crossroads

about 8 A.M.

St. L. 23rd. 1863

Clear. The army passed
through Winchester this
morning about ten o'clock,
when I rejoined my
Brigade. During the
whole of the time that

The army was encamped near Darksville, it was engaged in making raids upon, and tearing up, the Baltimore & Ohio Rail-Road. Took the "Front Royal" crossing the "Shenandoah" in pontoon bridge at a point several miles from "Front Royal" whilst crossing the pontoon heard heavy firing in the direction of "Bull Gap", which we soon found to be occupied by the Yankees - made certain demonstrations, which induced the enemy to believe that we intended an advance, but took them completely.

counter marched, and encamped near, or rather on, the subdivide of "Front Royal". Distance marched to day twenty three miles.

ridge at approximately
three miles from "Front Royal".
Whistles, corseping the fore-
noon, heard heavy firing
in the direction of "Blue-
bell Gap", which we soon
found to be accompanied
by the Yankees - made
certain demonstrations,
which induced the enemy
to believe that we
intended an advance,
fled them completely.

continued, and
encamped near, or rather
on, the suburbs of
"Front Royal". Distance
marched to day twenty-
three miles.

July, 24th. 1863

Clear. Resumed our
march this morning at
6 o'clock a. m. - passed
through "Front Royal" a
little after sun-rise - and
encamped on the "Luray"
road "about thirteen miles
from "Front Royal"; and
thirteen from "Luray".

July 25th. 1863

Hot & dusty. Resumed our march this morning at nine & a half o'clock, and encamped at 9 o'clock, P.M. about three miles from Uruaí. It rained heavily all night.

July 26th 1863

Clear. To day had inspection

and duty. Pa. ad. whilst encamped here, Dan F. and myself had several excellent baths and good meals -

July 27th. 1863

night

July 26th 1863

Clear. To day had inspection

and duty Parade.
Whilst encamped here,
Genl F. and myself
had several excellent
buds and good meals -

July 27th 1863

Rainy. Broke camp
this morning about
8 & 1/2 O'Clock; took
the Sperryville road;
passed over the "Blue-
Ridge" at "Thornton's
Gaps" and encamped
on a hill near Sperryville.
Distance marched to-day,

Fourteen miles. Found here the greatest profusion of black, and dewberries, which I ate daily, and enjoyed greatly - I considered them a luxury, contrasted with our scant rations, they being as large and fine as if they had been cultivated as a crop -

July. 28th 1840

Clear. This morning, at sunrise, had one of

the most beautiful, and picturesque towns I ever heard of. I arrived through Sperryville this morning at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 4 A.M. and took the road to Madison C. H. and encamped at 1.

range and
if they have been cul-
tivated as a crop -

July 28th 1863

Clear. This morning, at
sunrise, had one of

the most beautiful,
and most unique mon-
tains I ever saw. 8000
feet high. Marched
through Sperryville
this morning at 5½ o'clock
a.m. and took the
road to Madison C. H.
and encamped at 1
o'clock P.M. on a hill
surrounded by moun-
tains. Distance mea-
sured to day ten miles.

July 29th 1863

Rainy. Remained over

March at 6 o'clock a.m.
and passed over
a very rough and hilly
Country: and streams
greatly swollen from
the recent rains -

July 30th 1863

Clear and exceedingly
warm. Remained
in camp all day -

July 31st 1863

Clear and warm. In
the morning had com-
pany drill, and in the
Evening Battalion drill &
drill parade, at 7 o'
clock broke camp, and
the Robinson River -
passed through Mad-
(son C. H. (a very pretty
little Country village)

July 31st 1813

Clear and proceeding
of warm. We remained
in camp all day.

July 31st 1813

Clear and warm. We
this morning had com-
piled drill, and in the
Evening Battalion drill
drill parade, at 7 o'
clock broke camp, crossed
the Robins River -
passed through Mad-
ison C. H. (a very pretty
little country village)
and encamped late
in the night three miles
beyond on the road to Orange
C. H. The winter was, at
this time, very nearly "play-
ed out" by the long & try-
ing Pennsylvania cam-
paign, scant & bad ru-
tions - loss of sleep &
rest - constant expo-
sure to sun & rain - &c.
The men were engaged

during the whole night
in collecting rations, and
then were compelled to
march at day break.

Aug. 1st: 1863

Hottest day of the
whole year, with dust
as fine as powder, rest-
ing upon everybody &
Everything, and with
not a breath of air
blowing, and not a
cloud to interrupt the
shining rays of the
fairy sun. Being very

sick, and altogether
shantied "play'd
out", had, for the first
time, to ride in an
ambulance. Accom-
plished a march
of fifteen miles, and
encamped about three
miles from Orange C.
H. Lance numbers of

Nast day of the
whole year, with dust
so fine as powder, set-
ring upon every body &
everything, and with
not a breath of air
blowing and not a
cloud to interrupt the
burning rays of the
fury Sun. Being very

sick, and altogether
exhausted spayed &
out, had, for the first
time, to ride in an
ambulance. Accom-
plished a march
of fifteen miles, and
camped about three
miles from Orange C.
A. Large numbers of
our men lay on the road
side completely ex-
hausted and unable
to proceed farther,
and a great many
died of sun-stroke -

Aug. 2nd, 3, & 4th 1863

clear and intensely
warm. Whilst encamp-
ed here (3 miles from
Orange C. N) on L. W.
I find under cloth-
ing &c to the troops;
and I tried to keep
cool, by going in my
shirt & drawers, and
keeping in the shade.
Suffering, at this time,
greatly from heat &
nausea.

Aug. 5th 1863

Still very hot, but a
very refreshing shower
in the afternoon.

Aug. 6th 1863

Clear, and exceeding-

22
Reposing in the shade.
Suffering, at this time,
greatly from heat &
nausea.

Aug. 5th 1863

Clear very hot, but a
very refreshing shower
in the afternoon -

Aug. 6th 1863

Clear, and exceedingly
hot. To day, struck
out tents, and laid out
a permanent camp in
fine oak woods about
a mile distant from the
old site, on the road
to "Liberty Mills", and
about one mile from the
Rapidan - in which
we had a fine time.

washing and bathing
whilst encamped here
Willie was taken
very ill with ty-
phoid fever, and
it had great diffi-
culty with the doc-
tors in getting him
off to the Hospital.
My quarrel with Dr.
Stronach - on subject-

Aug. 27th 1863

Clear and cool day -
by Capt. D. S. Franklin

Left camp to day to
hospital in Orange Co.
N.Y.

Aug. 29th 1863

off to the Hospital C.
my quarrel with Dr.
Snowden - on subject -

Aug. 28th 1863

was in C. wounding
Lt. Col. J. S. Franklin

left camp to day to
Hospital in Orange Co.
N.

Aug. 29th 1863

From Aug. 28th to Aug. 29th
nothing worthy of note
occurred; all engaged
in the regular camp du-
ties and avocations - ac-
tivities and monoto-
nous as they are - To day
Lieut. Col. J. S. Franklin, re-
turned to camp from
Hospital at Charles-
ville. Rained quite hard.

city.

Aug. 30th 1863

Clear and quite cool.

Aug. 31st 1863

Clear and cool. To day,
our Division (9th. Scotland
Johnson's) was paraded
in a large field near
Orange C. H. by Gen. Gen.

etc.

Sept 1st. 2nd. 1863

Clear, and nothing of
interest on "Tapis"

Aug. 31st. 1863

Clear and cool. To day,
on Division 19th. Edward
Stephens) was furnished
in a large field map
Orange C. H. by Gen. Gen.

etc.

Sept. 1st. 2nd. 1863

Clear, and nothing of
interest on "Tapis"

Sept. 3rd 1863

Clear. To day received
on Gen "Battal Flag", bear-
ing the inscriptions "Win-
chester" and "Gettysburg".
These inscriptions on battle
flags are allowed only by
the authority of the Com.

memorandum

Sept. 4th. 1863

Below.

Sept. 5th 1863

Letters, with nothing of
especial interest, but
the execution of some de-
sisters. To day about
400 blacks P. N. ten men,
are belonging to the 3rd
S. Carolina, were shot
for the double crime of

desertion and murder,
having deserted, and
then murdered the offi-
cer sent in pursuit of
them. The name of the
officer killed, was Lt.
Macmillan, of the 3rd S.
Carolina. The whole Divi-
sion was marched
to the drill ground, and
formed into three sides
of a hollow square. On

Sept. 5th 1863

Alas, with nothing of
especial interest, but
the execution of some de-
serts. To day about
4 o'clock P.M. ten men,
all belonging to the 3rd
S. Carolina, were shot
in the double ranks of

deserters and murderers,
having deserted, and
then murdered the offi-
cer sent in pursuit of
them. The name of the
Officer killed, was Lt.
Macmillan, of the 3rd S.
Carolina. The whole divi-
sion was marched
to the drill ground, and
formed into three sides
of a hollow square. On
the 4th side, ten stakes
were planted, each with
its white handkerchief &
coffins. The firing party
consisted of 120 men,
divided into ten
squads, each under
command of their re-
spicitive line officers,
and the whole, under

command of Major Wood,
17th Inn, after the reading
of the sentences, and prompt-
ly by the Rev. Mr. Garrison,
the prisoners were con-
ducted to their respective
~~stables~~, and after haul-
ing down, were securely
fastened to the as-
picias and blinds -
Yards. The squads were
then placed in front of
the stables (at Franklin)
having the command
of one from our Battalion
and at the word of
command from Major
Wood - and representat-
ive officers of the squads,
a simultaneous fire
was delivered, and

the poor, unfortunate
men, lay rolling in
their blood. Most of the
prisoners were killed
at once, but a few, not
being quite dead, the
reserve, consisting of
two men out of each 12,
were brought up, and
immediately fired; when
the fullest retaliation was
administered, and the
ghastly scene was over.

prisoners and blood -
of rebels. The squad was
not posted in front of
the station (Lt Franklin
having the command)
of us from our Wallabies
and at the head of
commands from his
head - and representat-
ly officers of the squad,
a simultaneous fire
was delivered, and

the poor, unfortunate
men, lay rolling in
their blood. Most of the
prisoners were killed
at first, but a few, not
being quite dead, the
accuse, consisting of
no men out of each 10,
were brought up, and
immediately fucid; when
the fullest retribution was
administered, and the
solemn scene was over.
Though I have seen
death in its most horrid
forms, and the human
body mangled in the
most awful manner,
I now feel more gloomy
and solemn than on
this occasion. To one,
on an occasion of this

character. Knows whether his gun contains a bullet or not, as two in each squad of ten are loaded with blank cartridges, and the guns are given to the men without examination. The poor condemned disorders, seemed very penitent, and died apparently, very devout in their confession, admitting, a short while previous to their execution, the justice of their sentence.

Sept. 6th, 7th, 8th 1863

Nothing of interest -
nothing of note, save the everlasting drills; company drill in the morning, and Brigade drill in the afternoon, of sharp-powder and inspection - we also had one drill - they being rigidly kept up during our whole stay at Orange Court House -

positions, and did, apparently, very devoutly in their contention, and willing, a short while previous to their execution, the justice of their sentence.

Sept. 6th. 1863

Visiting of interests in my abode, saw the everlasting mills; company mill in the morning, and Brigade mill in the afternoon, of dup-powder and misfiring's, the also had an fill, they being rigidly kept up during our state stay at Orange Court House.

Sept 9th 1863

Clear. To day on whole Gaps, Ewells, was review-

ed by Genl. Lee, in a large
field near Orange Co. N. C.
It was a very grand af-
fair, though tiresome, last-
ing nearly the entire
day. In the Corps, num-
bering about twenty five
thousand men, 25,000,
to pass a given point.

ment
on you
paper

See
the
Co.
N.
Ca
of
the

Sept.

10th 11th 12th &
13th 14th

Nothing of interest oc-
curred worthy of record.
While I encamped here,

our command contin-
ued to picket at Jack's
shop, about three and
a half miles from Camp,
and two from Liberty
Hills.

Sept. 14th. 1863

Sept.

12th 13th &
14th 1813

Nothing of interest occurs to worthy of record.
While I encamped here,

our commands continued to picket at Jack's
shop, about three and
a half miles from Camp,
and two from Liberty
Mills.

Sept. 14th. 1813

Cloudy. The enemy having been reported advancing, left camp at day-break, and trinacled one mile beyond Orange C. H. Had a slight shower of rain. Two pieces of the Back-light Artillery, and a detach-

ment of men were captured
on yesterday near Cal-
piper Court House.

Sept. 15th & 16th 1863

We bivouacked on
the field, near Orange
Court House. Gen & Co-
H. Stuart's guard with
Capt Grayson of Co. ^{"F"}
of the Battalion, about
the rails.

Sept. 17th 1863

St. Franklin left camp
yesterday for Hospital in
Charlottesville. The date
of our return to camp not
determined. The cir-
cumstances think hap-

Side branched on
the field, near Orange
Court House. 4 m 40
H. Stein's gravel with
Capt. Grayson of the "T"
of the Battalions, about
the rails

Sept. 17th 1863

Sometime in Septem-
ber, abandoned our
camp near Orange
Court House; marched
through the little town,
encamping about ten
miles thence. The next
morning resumed our
march, and about two
hours after dark, ar-
rived at the Roapidian.
The whole of this night
was occupied in throw-
ing up fortifications,
digging rifle-pits, post-
ing men &c. Our Compa-
ny was sent out on picket
at a point directly
opposite a Yankee
Battery, and immedi-
ately on the River -

During the night, one
or two of our Regt. men
who had recently joined
it and who were not
Marylanders, forded
the River, and went over
to the enemy. One, how-
ever, was haled whilst
he was in the middle
of the river, and made

hours after dark, descended at the Roapidair. The whole of this night was occupied in throwing up fortifications, digging rifle-pits, putting men to. Our Company was sent out on picket at a point directly opposite a Yanted Valley, at the time-diality on the River -

During the night, one out of our Regt. men who had recently joined it and who was not a Marylander, suddenly left the fort, and went over to the Enemy. One, however, was killed whilst he was in the middle of the river, and made to come back. He was kept in irons for a long time - confined in "Castle Thunder" &c, but was never tried - whilst encamped on the "Roapidair" Geo. Grammer, corporal in Co. "A" whilst his company was on picket, deliberately shot himself through the hand.

losing a finger, a short time before this, another man, a member of company "D" shot one of his fingers off, for the purpose of obtaining a discharge; but in this he was disappointed. We remained encamped on the "Capidaw" several days, offering battle to Meade and his vandals, but failed to get accommodated. Spoiling for a fight, and failing to inveigle old Meade into an advance upon us, position, we determined to attack him, and consequent-

ly, on night, broke our camp on the Capidaw, leaving only enough to divide, and took up our line of march for his rear - Our march on this occasion was one of the most tiring and fatiguing it was over one about four days after we began our

on the 10th of October
several days, offering
to take to Melade and
his bandols, but failed
to get accommodated. Spoiling for
a fight, and failing
to invite old Meade
into an advanced upon
imposition, we de-
termined to attack
him, and consequent-

ly, on night, took our
camps on the Rapiers,
leaving only enough to
decire, and took up
our line of March for
his rear - On March
on this occasion was
one of the most tiring
and fatiguing I was
ever on about four days
after we began our
march, we struck
upon old Meade's rear,
and treated it pretty
shamefully, compelling
them to leave their dead
and wounded on the
field, and seek safety
in a precipitate re-
treat, or rather "hasty
flight" all concerning
the crackus front

in the Yankee camps,
the rebels raised over
them. General Geo. H.
Stuart's action on the
occasion, the halting
of the Brigade - his an-
swers to the Regiments
generally, and to me
particularly - calling of
us "Plug-Dykes" "Rip-
saps" "Blood-tubs", and
every thing, generally.
On one occasion, we
got so near, as we thought
to the Yankees, that we
double-quicked three
miles in order to get
at them, but found,
when we got to the end
of our journey, that
they had outstripped

us, getting over the
ground in a remark-
ably hasty manner -
Failing to induce the
two corps to fight, we
did all that could
have been done, we
compelled them to seek
safety in inglorious
flight after all of us
marching, finding ap-

on Major-General's Rep-
raps, "Blow-tube", and
Over, this is, Generalif-
On one occasion, we
got so near, as we thought,
to the Yankees, that we
double-quicked three
miles in order to get
at them, but finding it
was no go to the end
of our journey, that
they had outstripped

us, getting on the
ground in a remark-
ably hasty manner -
Failing to induce the
rebels to fight, we
did all that coulds
have been done, we
compelled them to seek
safety in ignominious
flight. After all of our
marching, finding of
mis, endurance of
privations & sufferings
of the road by my char-
acter, had to abandon
the chase, and, like
the bird and squirrel
hunter, seek our nests
again. Encamped at
a new, "Brandy Station",
where we remained until
we received orders from

the Head Qrs. of the Army,
to report to Bradley T.
Johnson, at "Name Jane
Cave", which occupied
near Brandy Station, the
Army constructed temporary
winter quarters, but
were compelled, after all
their labor and pains,
to abandon them to the
enemy, and bear un-
sheltered, and almost
alone, the beating &
unfriendly rains, and
hails, and snows that
fallen. My more
correct species diary
of the War, begins with
November 1st 1863.

no more new ones - the
Pompey, and bear an-
chored, and, almost
at once, the heating &
unusually rains, and
hurts, and proves that
Volturno. My new
concrete species clearing
of the War, begins with
November 1st 1868 -